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D. CUMMINS, *President*; LEWIS ROGERS, *Vice President*;

J. A. DOUGHERTY, *Secretary*.

J. W. MAXWELL,	MAT. PYLES,	F. X. McATEE,
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T. S. BELL,	JOHN E. CROWE,	J. GOODMAN,
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G. W. RONALD,	D. W. CHRISTIAN,	J. LAWRENCE SMITH.

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EXTRACTS
FROM THE
CITY CHARTER AND CITY ORDINANCES,
PERTAINING TO SANITARY REGULATIONS.

From the City Charter.

Article VII., Section 18. The General Council shall have power to pass ordinances to compel the abatement of nuisances existing within said City by the owners of property on which such nuisance exists, or to provide by ordinance for the removal and abatement of any and all such nuisances at the cost of the owner or owners of the property on which the same may exist. A lien is hereby created for such cost and abatement and removal on the property on which it existed, and the amount of such cost may be enforced as liens for grading and paving under the Charter.

Art. VIII., Sec. 6. The General Council shall have power to establish a Board of Health, &c. And the General Council may pass ordinances for the purpose of promoting and preserving the health of the citizens, and preventing the spread of infectious or contagious diseases throughout the City; to enforce the draining and filling up of ponds, and the removal of filth or other things, or substances, deemed likely by the Board of Health to produce or increase disease within the City, and in such ordinances may prescribe adequate fines and penalties for any violation thereof.

Sec. 7. All cemeteries, either within the City limits or within three miles of the same, being public property, shall be under the jurisdiction of the City and subject to the visitation and inspection of the Board of Health; and the General Council shall have power to require weekly reports of all interments in each of such cemeteries in such form as they may prescribe, and the said Council may enforce the proper regulations and management of such cemeteries by adequate fines and penalties.

Art. XII., Sec. 3. The said Council may establish and regulate by ordinance in said City a Board or Institute of Pharmacy, composed of competent persons, to be elected or appointed as the said Council may prescribe; and may by ordinance provide that all apothecaries, before they shall be licensed to retail drugs and medicines in said City, shall be examined by and receive a certificate of competency from said Board or Institute of Pharmacy; and said Council may, by ordinance, regulate the trade of retail apothecaries in the business of making up prescriptions and vending poisonous substances or preparations, and prescribe adequate fines and penalties for the enforcement of all such ordinances.

CITY ORDINANCES.

No. 69. If any factory, tan-yard, brewery, distillery, or other establishment, shall be created or continued so as to cause a nuisance to any person, or to the public, the owner or occupant of the premises from which the nuisance proceeds shall be fined ten dollars for each day it continues.

No. 102. Any person who shall knowingly introduce, or aid in introducing, into the City any contagious disease; or who knowing any person to be laboring under such disease in the City shall fail, within twelve hours, to inform the Mayor or an officer of the Board of Health thereof, shall be fined fifty dollars.

No. 126. All cellars shall be kept dry and well aired, and all lots free from standing water, putrefying matter, and all other nauseous and offensive things; and in each of the months of June, July, August, and September, all cellars shall be well sprinkled with lime. Any owner or occupant of premises on which any of the above regulations shall not be complied with, shall be fined ten dollars for each twenty-four hours during which the neglect continues.

No. 127. No animals shall be slaughtered except in a house or place which is paved on solid earth with brick or stone pavement, descending so as to convey the blood or offal to a tub, which shall be cleaned at the end of each day of killing, or in a house or place equally well guarded against collecting filth or offensive matter, under a penalty of ten dollars for each offense.

Slaughter-houses shall be white-washed at least once a month between the first days of April and November, every year, and any occupant thereof failing to do in any month as above required, shall be fined twenty dollars.

No. 128. No privy shall be without a vault at least twelve nor more than thirty feet deep, and walled with hard brick, nor shall any part of the contents of any privy-vault be removed except by its being taken out of the City or into the current of the river in the night time.

Each privy shall be kept in proper condition at all times, and from the first of April till the last of October, shall be well sprinkled with lime at least twice in each month.

Any owner or occupant of premises on which any of the above regulations shall not be complied with, shall be fined ten dollars for each offense.

No. 129. Any person who shall cast or leave exposed in any street, alley, lot, wharf, or water-course, any animal, or putrid or unsound fishes, or animal or vegetable matter, or shall deposit hemp shoves upon any open lot or street, except under the direction of the Mayor or the Street Inspector, or shall permit any nuisance to remain upon his premises, shall be fined ten dollars for each offense.

No. 190. Sec. 2. (*Extract.*) Nor shall any person throw or deposit any animal or vegetable offal, or any noisome substance, in any market-house or space, or eat a melon, or leave any melon rind, or other trash in the same; * * * or at any time or place in the City have in his possession or offer for

sale unwholesome, stale, or putrid meat, fish, fruit, or other articles of provisions, or any meat which is puffed or blown by injection of air or otherwise, or any diseased or measely pork.

Sec. 12. Any person who shall violate, or in any particular fail to observe and comply with these regulations, shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for each violation or non-compliance.

No. 216. *An Ordinance regulating factories of oil, soap, glue, and candles, or soap-grease.*

No establishment for making oil or soap, glue, candles, or soap-grease, shall be erected within the district bounded by Eighteenth street on the west, Water street on the north to Beargrass creek, and running up Beargrass creek to Cabel street, with Cabel street to Main street, thence on a straight line to the railroad intersection on Jefferson street, thence on a straight line to Broadway bridge, thence down Broadway west to Shelby street, out Shelby street south to Kentucky street, thence west with Kentucky street to the intersection of Eighteenth street, except under express permission of the Council, and such permission shall not be granted unless it be applied for in writing, setting forth the nature and objects of the proposed establishment, and signed by a majority of the persons owning property, as well as of those residing on the square on which it is proposed to be erected.

If any such establishment be conducted without such permission, and within said district, and so as to cause any unwholesome or offensive matter or odor, the owner or occupant of such establishment shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars, and also shall be fined not less than five nor more than ten dollars for each day such establishment is continued in operation as aforesaid.

Approved October 17, 1853.

An Ordinance requiring all gutters of the City to be kept clean.

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the General Council of the City of Louisville,* That all residents of the City shall be required at least once in each week to clean out the gutters in front of their residences and places of business by removing all filth and obstructions therefrom; and every property-owner shall in like manner be required to keep clean all gutters in front of their vacant property, under a penalty of two dollars and fifty cents for each failure to comply with the provisions of this section, recoverable as other fines before the City Court.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the day watchman in each ward to see that the provisions of this ordinance are strictly complied with.

Approved August 4, 1863.

No. 223. *An Ordinance to prevent ashes, slops, offal, &c., being thrown upon the streets, sidewalks, alleys, and wharves, in the City of Louisville.*

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the General Council of the City of Louisville,* That whoever, except as permitted by the second section of this ordinance, shall

throw or deposit, or cause to be thrown or deposited, or permit any one under his or her control, to throw or deposit, or cause to be thrown or deposited, upon any street, sidewalk, alley, or wharf, in the city limits, any dead animal, or putrid or unsound fish, or any animal or vegetable matter, or any bottles, glass, or nails or tacks, or any substance containing the same, or tin or metal vessels, or shavings or straw, ashes, cinders, or any filth, rubbish, dirt or trash, or any slops, offal of any kind, or offensive liquids, shall, for each offense, be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars. *Provided, however,* that nothing in this ordinance contained shall be construed as prohibiting persons making improvements or repairs from temporarily depositing on the sidewalk, street, or alley, such dirt, lime, brick, mortar, or other articles as may be necessary in making the improvements or repairs, if such articles be so deposited as not to cause the least possible obstruction or hindrance to the general and proper use of the sidewalk, street, or alley, and be removed therefrom by said parties at the earliest practicable moment.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each housekeeper, head of family, or person having the occupancy and control of a tenement, to provide suitable boxes or receptacles, convenient to handle, in which to place the ashes, slops, and other substances coming from his or her premises, and to place the same therein, the slops or substances of a fluid nature to be deposited in different boxes or receptacles from the ashes or solids, and place said boxes, with their contents as aforesaid, either in the alley adjacent to and opposite to his or her premises, if said alley be such that a horse-cart can be drawn through it or on the sidewalk in front of his or her premises and near the curb-stone, that the contents may be readily emptied therefrom into carts or wagons, or other vehicles, to be hauled away. Said boxes, with their contents, shall be placed as aforesaid on such days of the week and between such hours of the day as may be hereafter prescribed by ordinance. Whoever shall fail to comply with the provisions of this section shall be fined five dollars for each day or part of day he or she shall so fail.

Sec. 3. Subject to the exceptions hereinafter stated, this ordinance shall go into effect on the 20th day next after its publication, housekeepers and others being allowed until that time to provide themselves with suitable boxes in which to deposit the articles mentioned or embraced in the first section hereof. Arrangements not having been made for the removal of substances of a liquid nature, the requirements of this ordinance as to the same shall not go into effect at the expiration of twenty days aforesaid, nor until it shall be published that arrangements have been made for the removal of such liquids.

Approved September 19, 1865.

An Ordinance establishing and regulating a Board of Health in the City of Louisville.

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the General Council of the City of Louisville, That* a Board of Health is hereby established, which shall consist of such physicians as may be from time to time elected by the General Council as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. There shall be elected by the General Council, by ballot, in joint session, in the month of September, 1865, and every two years thereafter, twenty-four physicians, well informed and of good standing (of whom two shall be elected from each ward in the City, if possible), to be styled "The Board of Health of the City of Louisville," and who shall serve without compensation; which Board shall elect from their own body a President, Clerk or Secretary, and such other officers as they may desire, and prescribe such rules and regulations for their government and making effective the ends for which the Board was created as they may deem proper.

Said Board shall meet at least once in each month, and as much oftener as they may consider necessary.

Should any one or more of the Board, after being notified of his or their election, decline to serve, or his or their office become vacant from any cause, the General Council shall, in joint session, at any time thereafter, proceed to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

It shall be the duty of the Mayor to give official notice of their election to the several members of the Board, immediately after their election; and when said Board shall be first elected, and at each succeeding election of the Board, they shall at once organize, and, on being organized, shall inform the General Council of the fact.

Sec. 3. In consideration of the services to be rendered by the Board of Health, the Mayor is hereby authorized to procure a suitable room or rooms in the City, and properly located for holding its meetings, and to furnish the same in an appropriate manner. An annual appropriation of not exceeding one thousand dollars is hereby made to defray the current expenses of the rent, furnishing the rooms, stationery, fuel, and other necessary expenses.

Sec. 4. The Board shall recommend to the General Council such measures as they think proper to promote and secure the health of the City, and to prevent the introduction of contagious, malignant, dangerous, or infectious diseases.

Any member of the Board may enter upon and into and examine any place; or, upon the written requisition of the Board of Health or any member thereof, the City Marshal, Street Inspector, or any of the Policemen, or such other person or persons as may be designated by resolution of the General Council, shall promptly enter into and examine the condition of any building, cellar, lot, privy, or other place suspected to be foul, damp, or otherwise prejudicial to health; and, if any thing there be found existing, permitted or done contrary to ordinance or sanitary regulation, or prejudicial to health, or being or tending to become a nuisance, notification shall be given to the owner or occupant of the premises to remove or abate the same; and if he fail to do so, or if such owner or occupant be absent from the City, then, without such notice, upon the order of the Board of Health, or any member thereof, such nuisance, or thing tending to nuisance, shall be removed or abated at the cost of the owner of the premises, to be recovered by suit at law, or as provided in the 18th section of the 7th article of the Charter of the City.

Sec. 5. The Board of Health is fully empowered to establish and enforce

the observance, by inhabitants and visitors of the City, of such sanitary regulations as the Board may deem best calculated to guard against epidemics, infections, contagious or malignant diseases, and prevent or check their extension; but this shall not authorize the Board of Health to establish quarantine laws.

And the proper officers of the City are not only authorized, but are required, to act promptly in enforcing a strict observance of the sanitary regulations established as permitted by this ordinance.

Sec. 6. Ordinance No. 121, approved 17th September, 1859, and Ordinance No. 123, approved November 17th, 1853, and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, are to that extent hereby repealed.

J. M. VAUGHAN, C. B. C. C.

T. C. TUCKER, P. B. C. C.

OLIVER LUCAS, C. B. A.

J. R. BROWN, P. B. A.

Approved September 12, 1865.

PHILIP TOMPERT, Mayor.

An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance approved September 12, 1865, entitled "An Ordinance establishing and regulating a Board of Health in the City of Louisville."

Be it ordained by the General Council of the City of Louisville, That the ordinance mentioned in the title hereof be and the same is hereby so amended that, in the event of any vacancies occurring in the Board of Health, the same shall be filled by those remaining in the Board, instead of the General Council, in such manner as the Board may elect.

Approved November 13, 1865.

An Ordinance to amend an ordinance approved September 12, 1865, entitled "An ordinance establishing and regulating a Board of Health in the City of Louisville."

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the General Council of the City of Louisville, That there be established a Health Officer for the City of Louisville, with a salary of \$2,000 per annum, and an Assistant Health Officer, with a salary of \$700 per annum, who shall be allowed a furnished office, fuel, lights and stationery at the expense of the City. Said officers shall be nominated annually during the month of January by the Board of Health to the General Council for their ratification, and enter upon the discharge of the duties of their office the present year as soon as elected, and on the first day of the ensuing February thereafter. They shall be under the control of the Board of Health, who may assign them any duties which are in accordance with the charter and ordinances of the City, and delegate to them all or any such powers as have been conferred upon the individual members of the Board by the General Council.*

Sec. 2. *The Health Officer shall have the right to call on the Chief of Police, who shall require the regular police force to act as inspecting health officers, but upon the apprehended invasion of an epidemic, or during the prevalence of the same, or at any time when, in the opinion of the Board of Health, the hygienic condition of the City demands unusual attention, the Board of*

Health are authorized to divide the City into four districts and appoint an officer to each, who shall be designated the Sanitary Inspectors, and upon the General Council being notified to this effect an appropriation shall be made of a sufficient sum to enable them to pay said officers each a salary not exceeding \$100 a month for such length of time as the Board may decide their services may be needed. It shall be the duty of the Sanitary Inspectors to examine minutely, under directions from the Board of Health, into the sanitary condition of their respective districts, and make such reports and perform such other duties as the Board may require. They shall have power to enter into and examine the condition of any premises, building, lot, cellar, or privy, and, if necessary, summon the police to aid them in the performance of such duties.

Sec. 3. On and after the first day of February, 1866, it shall be required that every undertaker or other person, before removing any corpse for burial, shall obtain a permit from the Health Officer to do so; and, in order to obtain such permit, he shall present a certificate from the attending physician, setting forth the name, age, nativity, and residence of the deceased, and the nature of the disease or injury causing death. If there has been no physician in attendance, some responsible person cognizant of the facts in the case shall apply to the Health Officer, or any regular physician, and give such a statement as will enable him to fill out the certificate for the undertaker. In the event of failure on the part of any undertaker or other person to comply herewith, he shall be subject to a fine of \$25 for each offense. If in any case the account given to the Health Officer or physician is of such a character as to leave any doubt in his mind as to whether the death was the result of natural causes, it shall be his duty to report the same to the Coroner for investigation. The sextons of the different cemeteries shall not grant burial to any corpse unless the above provisions have been complied with; and, in the event of an attempt being made to remove the body of any person who has died in the City beyond the City limits without the required permit, the police are authorized to detain the same until they have satisfied themselves that no criminal circumstances have been connected with the death thereof. If at any time it is deemed advisable, the Board of Health may empower the Sanitary Inspectors or other competent persons to grant said permits.

Sec. 4. The existence of unvaccinated persons (excepting such as have had the small-pox or varioloid) over one year of age in the City of Louisville, is hereby prohibited, and the parents or guardians of such persons, if a minor, or the individual, him or herself, if an adult, shall be subject to a fine of five dollars upon presentation before the City Court, and an additional fine of five dollars for every ten days thereafter they delay in having the operation of vaccination performed. As there are some persons in whom it is difficult or even impossible to get vaccination to take, be it provided that, if any person so proceeded against can show the certificate of a respectable physician to the effect that the operation of vaccination has been performed upon said person, but without success, within the year preceding, or has been performed five times during life, or, if of character known to be good to the Court, shall state the same, the fine shall be remitted.

Sec. 5. The Board of Health shall decide (subject to the approval of the proper Courts) as to what constitutes a nuisance or thing prejudicial to the health of the community, and may authorize their Health Officer, or other competent person, to serve notice upon the owner or occupant of the property on which the said nuisance exists, for its removal or abatement, and to specify a reasonable time within which it shall be done. And, in the event of failure on the part of said owner or occupant to comply with the requirements of such notice within the time given, he shall be liable to a fine in the City Court of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, and said nuisance shall be removed or abated at his or her or their cost, to be recovered by suit at law, or as is provided for in the 18th section of the 7th article of the City Charter.

Sec. 6. It is hereby made the duty of the teachers in the public schools to require, as a condition for admission of each and every child, a certificate of its vaccination, signed by a physician, or other satisfactory evidence.

Sec. 7. All persons are required to obey the ordinances, precepts, regulations, and requirements of said Board; and whoever shall fail, neglect, or refuse so to do, shall forfeit and pay to the City not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

Sec. 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are, to that extent, hereby repealed.

J. M. VAUGHAN, C. B. C. C.

OLIVER LUCAS, C. B. A.

Approved January 15, 1866.

T. C. TUCKER, P. B. C. C.

J. R. BROWN, P. B. A.

J. S. LITHGOW, Mayor.

BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Sec. 1. The Board shall be organized on the first Tuesday of September every year by the election of a President, Vice President and Secretary, and such other officers as may be hereafter created, to serve for the ensuing year.

Sec. 2. The Board shall hold stated meetings on the second Tuesday in each month at such an hour as may be designated. Special meetings may be convened by order of the President, or at the request of any five members.

Sec. 3. The President, with *three* members, shall be a sufficient number to adjourn; *five* to call a meeting and send for absent members, and make an order for their censure; and *eight* to proceed to business.

Sec. 4. The President shall preside at the meetings, preserve order and decorum, and appoint the members of the committees, unless otherwise directed. He may speak to points of order in preference to other members without rising from his chair for that purpose, and shall decide points of order, subject to an appeal to the house on the request of two members.

Sec. 5. The President shall have a right to vote on all questions, and when the yeas and nays are called the President shall first be called, and if the house be equally divided the question shall be lost.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall officiate in his stead, or, both being absent, the Board may appoint some one of its members President *pro tem*.

Sec. 7. The Secretary shall take accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Board in a book kept for that purpose, keep an account of all moneys expended, and conduct such correspondence as the Board may direct or approve.

Sec. 8. He shall put on file and preserve copies of all communications from the Common Council, and such other documents as the Board may direct, and shall copy in a separate book all resolutions not temporary in their character that may be hereafter passed by the Board, with marginal references.

Sec. 9. It shall also be his duty to inform the chairman of committees of business referred to them by the Board, and to notify officers of their election.

Order of Business.

Sec. 10. A quorum (eight members) being present, the President shall take the chair, and business be proceeded with in the following order:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports of special committees.
4. Reports of standing committees.
5. Presentation and disposal of communications.
6. Unfinished business, resolutions, &c.
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

Sec. 11. The President shall annually appoint the following

Standing Committees.

1. Sanitary committee, consisting of *five* members.
2. Committee on nuisances, consisting of *five* members.
3. Committee on finance, consisting of *three* members.
4. Committee on revision, consisting of *three* members.
5. Committee on publication, consisting of *three* members.

Sec. 12. There shall be established such other standing committees as the Board may deem advisable. For the creation of such committees, or of any new office, however, it shall be necessary that a resolution be presented in writing to the effect, setting forth explicitly the office of and duties pertaining to the same, which shall lie over for one meeting before being acted upon.

Rules of Debate.

Sec. 13. 1. When a member is about to speak in debate, or communicate any matter to the Board, he shall rise and respectfully address himself to "Mr. President," confining his remarks to the subject before the Board.

2. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chairman shall decide which is entitled to the floor. From this decision there is no appeal.

3. No member shall speak more than *once* on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than *twice* nor longer than five minutes at each time, without permission from the chair.

4. The President shall not speak on any question before the Board while in the chair. Should he desire to engage in debate, he must call another member to the chair.

5. If any member in debate transgress the rules of the Board, the President or any member may, through the President, call him to order. The member so called shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide upon the case without debate.

6. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless by a call to order, or by a request to explain, or by a motion for the previous question.

7. No motion shall be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the chair, or read by the Secretary. It shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

8. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form by the chair, viz.: "All you who are of the opinion that (as the question may be) say *aye*. You of the contrary opinion say *no*."

9. If the President doubt, or if a division be called for, the Board shall decide. Those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. The President shall thereupon decide the question.

10. Before putting a question the President shall ask: "Is the Board ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak he shall rise and put it, and, after he has risen, no member shall be allowed to speak upon it.

11. When a question is before the Board, no motion shall be in order, except to adjourn, for the previous question, to postpone, to divide, to commit, or to amend, which motions shall severally have precedence in the order herein named.

12. The previous question being moved and seconded, the question from the chair shall be: "Shall the main question be now put?" and if the nays prevail the main question shall not be put. But a refusal to sustain the previous question shall not bar the house from proceeding forthwith to the consideration of the subject. The effect of the previous question shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Board to a direct vote upon the amendments reported by a committee, if any, then upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

13. Any member may call for the division of a question when the same will admit of it.

14. Petitions, memorials, and other papers, addressed to the Board, may be presented by any member in his place, who shall briefly state the contents thereof, which may be received, read, and referred to the appropriate committee.

15. Corrections to the minutes may be moved by any member at the ensuing meeting, provided it shall be shown that the said corrections are required in order to render the minutes an accurate detail of the business transacted at the last meeting.

16. Any rule or order of the Board may be temporarily dispensed with, provided two thirds of the members present concur therein.

17. In all cases which may occur not herein provided for, the rules and practices laid down in Jefferson's Manual shall govern.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board to govern its members in voting:

Resolved, That each member be required to vote upon every subject brought before the Board, unless excused by a majority of the members present.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That if any member of the Board shall be absent more than *three* successive meetings without satisfactory excuse, he shall be requested to resign his membership.

Standing Committees; who compose them, and their duties defined.

1. Sanitary Committee, composed of Drs. A. B. Cook, D. J. Griffiths, J. Goodman, J. Lawrence Smith, J. A. Ireland.

To this committee is intrusted the general supervision of all sanitary matters during the intervals of the meetings of the Board. They shall advise with and counsel the Board of Health Officer and Assistant Health Officer when applied to, and shall attend to such business as may be referred to them by the Board.

2. Committee on Nuisances, composed of Drs. T. S. Bell, J. A. Ireland, Lewis Rogers, G. W. Ronald, J. Lawrence Smith.

This committee shall advise with and counsel the Health Officer and Assistant Health Officer, when applied to, upon the subject of nuisances, and shall attend to business referred to them by the Board.

3. Committee on Finance, composed of Drs. N. B. Anderson, G. W. Ronald, F. X. McAtee.

This committee shall supervise the finance of the Board. They shall carefully investigate all bills referred to them as to whether they are just and correct, and report accordingly.

4. Committee on Revision, composed of Drs. J. Goodman, J. A. Dougherty, J. W. Maxwell.

To this committee shall be referred all propositions to correct, alter or amend the whole or any part of the Rules or By-Laws of the Board, and all other revisory action within the legitimate powers of the Board.

5. Committee on Publication, consisting of Drs. A. B. Cook, G. W. Ronald, J. A. Ireland.

This committee shall superintend the publication of such matter as the Board may order to be published.

ABSTRACT OF THE DUTIES OF THE HEALTH OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. It is required of the Health Officers to pay strict attention to the duties of their office, and not to engage regularly in any other business.

Sec. 2. The Health Office shall remain open and one of the officers in attendance at all hours from 9 o'clock A. M. to 5 o'clock P. M., from the first of November until the first of April, and from 8 o'clock A. M. to 6 o'clock P. M., from the first of April until the first of November.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to visit and inspect, from time to time, those localities most liable to the perils of sickness, and to possess himself of a personal knowledge of the sanitary condition of every part of the City. He shall organize and direct daily inspections by the Police, and, when the Special Sanitary Inspectors have been appointed, shall superintend their operations. It shall further be required of him to assure himself, by personal observation, that these agents perform their duty faithfully.

Sec. 4. It shall be his special duty to promptly inspect and cause to be abated all nuisances complained of by citizens; said complaints must be made in writing and by responsible persons. He shall keep a record book devoted to this business, in which he shall register the character and location of each nuisance complained of, the name of the complainant, the date at which the complaint is made, his own action with reference thereto, and the ultimate result, and in all cases of any kind in which he shall give an order,

a duplicate of said order must be placed on file and preserved. He is authorized to proceed at once, without awaiting instructions from the Board, to cause the abatement of the following nuisances, when the cost thereof does not exceed fifty dollars:

1. Privies with contents less than three feet from the surface of the ground, or foul privies that have an intolerable mephitic smell; also privies with leakage into adjoining cellars or yards, and privies without wells under them or proper covering over them.

2. Filthy cisterns, or water in cellars, or stagnant water any where in the vicinity of dwellings.

3. Collections of rubbish of any description capable of undergoing decomposition in cellars, rooms, out-houses, yards, alleys, &c., or refuse animal or vegetable matter from manufactories.

4. Hog-pens and filthy cow or horse stables.

5. Every thing which the Board or the Committee on Nuisances may have once decided as constituting a sanitary nuisance. In all other cases he is authorized to call a meeting of the Committee on Nuisances, who shall instruct him what action to take, or, if the matter be one of magnitude, refer it to the Board of Health.

Sec. 5. The Health Officer shall make a report at each monthly meeting of the Board, containing a concise statement of the business transacted in his office during the month preceding, with a return of births, deaths, and marriages, according to the forms already approved. It will also be expected of him at this time to lay before the Board any information relating to the sanitary condition of the City, and make any suggestions with reference to the management of sanitary affairs or of the Health Office.

Sec. 6. He shall furnish to the daily papers for publication a weekly summary of deaths.

Sec. 7. As soon as the necessary arrangements are made he shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, meteorological observations, in such manner and make such reports pertaining thereto as the Board may direct.

Sec. 8. Both the Health Officer and Assistant Health Officer are authorized to grant permits for burial.

Sec. 9. It shall be the special province of the Assistant Health Officer to conduct the registration department according to the prescribed forms, and whenever occasion requires it he may be deputized by the Health Officer to inspect nuisances or perform any other duty connected with the Health Office.

° Respectfully submitted,

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